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DATE: March 26, 2014

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Distinct Enrollment for Medicaid Certified Units

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2014

*******This letter replaces Informational Letter No. 1358 dated February 20, 2014*******

On October 1, 2013, the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) assigned four condition codes that were previously used by the IME to identify a Medicaid certified unit on a UB04 submitted claim. To become compliant with NUBC rules the IME will discontinue utilizing condition codes to identify services performed in certified special units.

Certification by the IME is required for Medicaid reimbursement as a substance abuse unit, a neonatal intensive care unit, a psychiatric unit or a physical rehabilitation unit.

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2014, the IME will require providers to submit claims for services rendered in the inpatient unit under either a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI) number or with the distinct Taxonomy Code identifying the category of service.

In order for the IME to properly reimburse claims, hospitals with certified units must complete the [Iowa Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application](#)¹. If the provider is enrolling a unique NPI number, the application must be completed in its entirety with a cover letter identifying the special unit being enrolled for **each** certified unit. If the provider is notifying the IME of distinct Taxonomy Codes, pages four and five of the application should be completed along with a cover letter that identifies the special unit the Taxonomy Code is applicable to for **each** certified unit. The NPI or Taxonomy Code supplied on each application will be used when submitting claims for services rendered in that special unit for dates of service on or after May 1, 2014.

Applications should be submitted as quickly as possible to ensure that there are no delays in claim processing.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/470-0254.pdf>